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**SUBJECT: Commissary and Exchange Purchases**

1. As you know, there has been considerable publicity of late regarding "black market" dealings in goods purchased at military commissaries, exchanges, and liquor outlets. As a result, both the Army and the Air Force are checking ID cards closely and watching in particular for purchases of unusually large amounts of goods or unusually frequent purchases.

2. Periodic shortages of some articles in these outlets, and even rumors of impending shortages, sometimes lead people to purchase in excess of need and to hoard. In the present atmosphere this could lead to investigation of an individual, even if he had no intention whatever of passing goods to unauthorized persons.

3. I therefore urge all employees and their spouses to exercise restraint and to purchase only what they need for immediate consumption. It goes without saying, of course, that nothing purchased in a military outlet should be passed to unauthorized persons, even as a gift. As a civilian component enjoying the use of these military facilities, FBIS cannot afford an incident which draws unfavorable attention to our privileges. A single case of abuse of these privileges could threaten their loss for everyone.

  
Bureau Chief

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